

Act) to part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act is deemed a reference to part E of such title (as in effect after such date).

(2) SECRETARIAL SUBMISSION OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a legislative proposal providing for such technical and conforming amendments in the law as are required by the provisions of this section.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding any provision of part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (as added by subsection (a)), the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall implement the Voluntary Medicare Outpatient Prescription Drug Discount and Security Program established under such part in a manner such that benefits under such part for eligible beneficiaries (as defined in section 1860 of such Act, as added by such subsection) are available to such beneficiaries not later than the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 02. ADMINISTRATION OF VOLUNTARY MEDICARE OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT AND SECURITY PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER FOR MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.—There is established, within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services of the Department of Health and Human Services, a Center for Medicare Prescription Drugs. Such Center shall be separate from the Center for Beneficiary Choices, the Center for Medicare Management, and the Center for Medicaid and State Operations.

(b) DUTIES.—It shall be the duty of the Center for Medicare Prescription Drugs to administer the Voluntary Medicare Outpatient Prescription Drug Discount and Security Program established under part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (as added by section 01).

(c) DIRECTOR.—

(1) APPOINTMENT.—There shall be in the Center for Medicare Prescription Drugs a Director of Medicare Prescription Drugs, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Director shall be responsible for the exercise of all powers and the discharge of all duties of the Center for Medicare Prescription Drugs and shall have authority and control over all personnel and activities thereof.

(d) PERSONNEL.—The Director of the Center for Medicare Prescription Drugs may appoint and terminate such personnel as may be necessary to enable the Center for Medicare Prescription Drugs to perform its duties.

SEC. 03. EXCLUSION OF PART D COSTS FROM DETERMINATION OF PART B MONTHLY PREMIUM.

Section 1839(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r(g)) is amended—

(1) by striking “attributable to the application of section” and inserting “attributable to—

“(1) the application of section”;

(2) by striking the period and inserting “; and”;

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) the Voluntary Medicare Outpatient Prescription Drug Discount and Security Program under part D.”.

SEC. 04. MEDIGAP REVISIONS.

Section 1882 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ss) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(v) MODERNIZATION OF MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL POLICIES.—

“(1) PROMULGATION OF MODEL REGULATION.—

“(A) NAIC MODEL REGULATION.—If, within 9 months after the date of enactment of the Medicare Rx Drug Discount and Security Act of 2002, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (in this subsection referred to as the ‘NAIC’) changes the 1991 NAIC Model Regulation (described in subsection (p)) to revise the benefit package classified as ‘J’ under the standards established by subsection (p)(2) (including the benefit package classified as ‘J’ with a high deductible feature, as described in subsection (p)(11)) so that—

“(i) the coverage for outpatient prescription drugs available under such benefit package is replaced with coverage for outpatient prescription drugs that complements but does not duplicate the benefits for outpatient prescription drugs that beneficiaries are otherwise entitled to under this title;

“(ii) a uniform format is used in the policy with respect to such revised benefits; and

“(iii) such revised standards meet any additional requirements imposed by the Medicare Rx Drug Discount and Security Act of 2002;

subsection (g)(2)(A) shall be applied in each State, effective for policies issued to policy holders on and after January 1, 2004, as if the reference to the Model Regulation adopted on June 6, 1979, were a reference to the 1991 NAIC Model Regulation as changed under this subparagraph (such changed regulation referred to in this section as the ‘2004 NAIC Model Regulation’).

“(B) REGULATION BY THE SECRETARY.—If the NAIC does not make the changes in the 1991 NAIC Model Regulation within the 9-month period specified in subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall promulgate, not later than 9 months after the end of such period, a regulation and subsection (g)(2)(A) shall be applied in each State, effective for policies issued to policy holders on and after January 1, 2004, as if the reference to the Model Regulation adopted on June 6, 1979, were a reference to the 1991 NAIC Model Regulation as changed by the Secretary under this subparagraph (such changed regulation referred to in this section as the ‘2004 Federal Regulation’).

“(C) CONSULTATION WITH WORKING GROUP.—In promulgating standards under this paragraph, the NAIC or Secretary shall consult with a working group similar to the working group described in subsection (p)(1)(D).

“(D) MODIFICATION OF STANDARDS IF MEDICARE BENEFITS CHANGE.—If benefits under part D of this title are changed and the Secretary determines, in consultation with the NAIC, that changes in the 2004 NAIC Model Regulation or 2004 Federal Regulation are needed to reflect such changes, the preceding provisions of this paragraph shall apply to the modification of standards previously established in the same manner as they applied to the original establishment of such standards.

“(2) CONSTRUCTION OF BENEFITS IN OTHER MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL POLICIES.—Nothing in the benefit packages classified as ‘A’ through ‘I’ under the standards established by subsection (p)(2) (including the benefit package classified as ‘F’ with a high deductible feature, as described in subsection (p)(11)) shall be construed as providing coverage for benefits for which payment may be made under part D.

“(3) APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS AND CONFORMING REFERENCES.—

“(A) APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS.—The provisions of paragraphs (4) through (10) of subsection (p) shall apply under this section, except that—

“(i) any reference to the model regulation applicable under that subsection shall be deemed to be a reference to the applicable 2004 NAIC Model Regulation or 2004 Federal Regulation; and

“(ii) any reference to a date under such paragraphs of subsection (p) shall be deemed to be a reference to the appropriate date under this subsection.

“(B) OTHER REFERENCES.—Any reference to a provision of subsection (p) or a date applicable under such subsection shall also be considered to be a reference to the appropriate provision or date under this subsection.”.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an additional bill has been added to the hearing agenda for the hearing that was previously scheduled before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Tuesday, July 30, 2002, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The additional measure to be considered is S. 2652, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

For further information, please contact Kira Finkler of the Committee staff at (202-224-8164).

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that two additional bills have been added to the hearing agenda for the hearing that was previously scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Wednesday, July 31, 2002, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The additional measures to be considered are S. 2773, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the High Plains Aquifer States in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping modeling, and monitoring program for the High Plains Aquifer and for other purposes; and

H.R. 2990, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects under that Act, and for other purposes.

For further information, please contact Patty Beneke at (202) 224-5451 or Mike Connor at (202) 224-5479, of the Committee staff.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and

Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 23, 2002, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on the nominations of Ms. Cynthia A. Glassman, of Virginia, to be a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and Mr. Roel C. Campos, of Texas, to be a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the senate on Tuesday, July 23, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on the Moscow Treaty.

Agenda

Witnesses

Panel I: The Honorable Sam Numm, Co-Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Nuclear Threat Initiative, Washington, DC;

Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, USAF (Ret.), Former Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, United States Air Force, San Antonio, Texas;

The Honorable Ken Adelman, Former Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Senior Counselor, Edelman Public Relations Worldwide, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Fr. Drew Christiansen, S.J., Counselor, International Affairs, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC;

Mr. Christopher E. Paine, Co-Director, Nuclear Warhead Elimination and Nonproliferation Project, Natural Resources Defense Council, Charlottesville, Virginia;

Mr. Frank J. Gaffney, Jr., President and CEO, Center for Security Policy, Washington, DC;

Mr. Dimitri K. Simes, President, The Nixon Center, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a Judicial nominations hearing on Tuesday, July 23, 2002 in Dirksen Room 226 at 10:00 a.m.

Tentative Witness List

Panel I: The Honorable Phil Gramm, U.S. Senator (R-TX);

The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator (R-TX);

The Honorable Bill Nelson, U.S. Senator (D-FL);

The Honorable Kay Granger, U.S. Representative (R-TX).

Panel II: Priscilla Owen to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Panel III: Timothy J. Corrigan to be U.S. District Court Judge for the Middle District of Florida;

Jose E. Martinez to be U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, S. 2480," on Tuesday, July 23, 2002 in Dirksen Room 226 at 2:00 p.m.

Tentative Witness List

Panel I: The Honorable Max Baucus, U.S. Senator [D-MT];

The Honorable Randy "Duke" Cunningham, U.S. Representative [R-CA-51st District].

Panel II: Lieutenant Steve Young, National President, Fraternal Order of Police, Marion, OH;

Mr. Arthur Gordon, National Executive Board Member, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, Woodbine, MD;

Deputy Chief of Police David Johnson, Cedar Rapids Police Department, Cedar Rapids, IA;

Colonel Lonnie J. Westphal, Chief, Colorado State Patrol, Denver, CO.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 23, 2002 at 10 a.m. to hold a closed hearing on the Joint Inquiry into the events of September 11, 2001.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a Hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 23, at 2:30 p.m. in SD-366. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 2494, to revise the boundary of the Petrified Forest National Park in the State of Arizona;

S. 2598, to enhance the criminal penalties for illegal trafficking of archaeological resources;

S. 2727, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands; and

H.R. 3954, to designate certain waterways in the Caribbean National Forest in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 23, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., for a hearing entitled "The Role of the Financial Institutions In Enron's Collapse."

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a fellow in the of-

fice of Senator JEFFORDS, Drew Kumperis, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the consideration of the measure dealing with prescription drugs.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Malinda Baehr, an intern in my office, be granted floor privileges during the remainder of this debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIONAL VETERANS AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 502, S. Res. 293.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 293) designating the week of November 10 through November 16, 2002, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD at the appropriate place as if given, without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 293) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 293

Whereas tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century;

Whereas hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during the past century;

Whereas the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining our freedoms and way of life;

Whereas the advent of the all-volunteer Armed Forces has resulted in a sharp decline in the number of individuals and families who have had any personal connection with the Armed Forces;

Whereas this reduction in familiarity with the Armed Forces has resulted in a marked decrease in the awareness by young people of the nature and importance of the accomplishments of those who have served in our Armed Forces, despite the current educational efforts of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the veterans service organizations;

Whereas our system of civilian control of the Armed Forces makes it essential that